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Kleinhans takes job at Trinity Seminary

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The Rev. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor of Religion at Wartburg, has been named dean of newly established Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Ohio.

Rev. Kathryn Kleinhans

Kleinhans was the first woman hired to teach religion full time at Wartburg in 1993. She has also served as the McCoy Family Chair since 2013.

"I can't imagine a better place to have been for the last 24 1/2 years," Kleinhans said.

"I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with colleagues from many disciplines and to teach and mentor students pursuing many vocations."

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will begin operations on Jan. 1 under Kleinhans' leadership.

Kleinhans said as she prepares to take her new position, she knows Wartburg's mission will remain dear to her heart.

Kleinhans has been an appreciated colleague and mentor during her time at Wartburg, Rev. Brian Beckstrom said.

"I'm very happy for her, but also sad for Wartburg," Beckstrom said. "Dr. Kleinhans has been such an important voice on campus and it is always hard to lose someone with her perspective and experience,"

Kristen Wendland, professor of Religion, was Kleinhans's student at Wartburg back in the late 90's.

Wendland said Kleinhans was a great professor who always cared about guiding her and her classmates to understand the calling of God in their lives.

Wendland feels grateful for having Kleinhans as a colleague for her first year as a professor at Wartburg and she is happy for the opportunity Kleinhans has received at Capital University.

"She will be such a good dean at that school. I am so sad for Wartburg. We are losing a good teacher and person who carries the mission and the thought of this place," Wendland said.

Rebecca Bennett, religion major and Kleinhans' advisee, said she feels this is a bitter-sweet news.

"I'm sad because I think she brings a lot of light and life to campus, but I think it's good that she is going onto this new position. I think that she'll bring a lot of the same love for students and love for teaching to the new place she is going," Bennett said.

There are 120 international students from nearly 55 countries

~45 percent come from Africa
31 percent of African students are from Swaziland
13 percent of African students are from Zimbabwe
~33 percent from Asia
21 percent of Asian students are from Japan or China
~10 percent from Europe
~5 percent from South America
~7 percent from other areas

Source: Admissions

-**Michelle Johnson**/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg showing diversity

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Despite Wartburg being a private college in a small town of 10,000 residents, it manages to attract students from all over the world.

This year, Wartburg recruited 120 international students which represent over 50 African, Asian and European countries.

This level of diversity is above average and is something the college strives to maintain each year.

"We value diversity because these international students bring a little bit of their culture and heritage and therefore enrich our community," Zafrul Amin, the director of international student services, said.

In order to maintain this diversity, Wartburg representatives from Admissions visit various United World Colleges (UWC) located throughout the world, Amin said.

UWC is a London-based, international organization that has nearly 17 schools worldwide which offer two years of pre-university education and scholarships for international education such as the Davis Scholarship.

As a result, students from countries such as Zimbabwe, Japan and Thailand bring their cultures to Wartburg, as well as gain an experience in the American culture.

For Ben Underwood, a Wartburg student from England, the initial culture shock was most apparent in the introduction of America's education system, Iowa's weather and the different style of English.

Though he still experiences this culture shock today, Underwood advised other international students to be involved on campus to "make the most of being in a new country."

He said being involved helps in finding a second family like Underwood found within Wartburg's football team and his American teammates.

Yvonne Wamala from Swaziland, values relationships with other international students because they share similar experiences and emotions and help ease her homesickness.

She said the support from Wartburg faculty, provides comfort during times when she feels alone.

"They understand that we've come from completely different educational backgrounds and are amazingly aware of how to navigate classroom and social spaces," Wamala said.

"It makes it a lot easier because we don't have to go that extra mile to be heard and understood.

This support system is important to Amin as he himself experienced this process, and the culture shock that comes with it, when he came to the United States from Bangladesh to attend the University of Dubuque.

"I try to connect with the international students because once I start talking to them, they realize that I have gone through the same struggle as they're doing right now," Amin said.

"I can tell them it's hard, but in the end, it's going to be worth it."

Going above and beyond for soldier and dad

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The Wartburg JV football team played for a special audience on Monday, Nov. 6.

The game was livestreamed courtesy of Wartburg KnightVision so one parent, stationed overseas in Afghanistan, could see the game.

Hunter Gunderson, a second-year defensive lineman, said he played football from a young age under the coaching of his father, Jerry.

However, because his father is currently stationed in Afghanistan working for the Department of Defense, Jerry has never seen his son play in a college football game.

Even so, this doesn't mean the pair don't keep in touch.

"After every game, he would call me to ask what happened and how I played," Hunter said. "He has supported me since I can remember."

For the game against Central, though, Gunderson's father wouldn't have to call to see how the game went. He could see how it went for himself.

Jerry Gunderson (center) was able to see Hunter (left) play his last game of the year while stationed in Afghanistan. -**Submitted Photo**

KnightVision, Wartburg's livestreaming service, worked the last JV game of the year as per his father's request.

Jerry has watched every Wartburg varsity home game using KnightVision and reached out to the Knights head football coach Rick Willis to see if it would be possible to livestream a JV game so he could watch Hunter play.

"It's not common practice, it's hard to staff all the things KnightVision is streaming now," Willis said. "It was our pleasure to provide his dad and other parents the opportunity to watch the game."

Jerry said that even though he is away from his family, they are what inspire him to continue his service.

He added that he enjoys watching Hunter and his younger brother Ben pursue their own interests, however far away he may be.

In Hunter's case, his father finally was able to see his eldest son play college football.

"An opportunity to see my son do something which he loves makes me a very proud father," Jerry said in an email interview.

Hunter was extremely grateful that his father was finally able to see him play as well. The distance between father and son has been taxing for both parties. However, Hunter sees it as another reason to look up to his father.

"It has been difficult being away from my father, but I also know that he is serving our country," Hunter said.

"That is something I have always looked up at him for"

The process of pulling together the livestream was a team effort according to Willis.

The football team helped put together a video to thank Jerry and other soldiers stationed overseas for their service.

"Going the extra mile, going above and beyond, was great," Willis said.

The Knights defeated the Dutch by a score of 31-7.

Open-Mic night at Wartburg

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Wartburg's V-Day campaign and S.M.A.R.T. held their first open-mic poetry reading on Nov. 9. The reading featured works of poetry by famous poets such as Sylvia Plath and even included original work done by Wartburg students.

Both organizations wanted to create an environment where they could promote women's issues in an approachable way.

"A lot of things we talk about can be scary to some people, so we wanted to do in a way a lot of different people could come and talk about things that are important to them through an art form they love and appreciate," Maddie Simmons said.

Simmons, president of S.M.A.R.T., and Emma Evans-Peck, Vagina Monologues Co-director, worked closely to make this event a success.

"I had heard a lot of people were coming but things come up with classes and everything but I was really impressed that all these people came and so many people read," Evans-Peck said.

The reading gathered around 20 people. For those who wanted to read, they simply needed to sign in at the beginning of the event. Evans-Peck came up with the idea to have a poetry night while reading a poetry piece by Maya Angelou.

"It just really stood out to me as something that really embodied a lot of what we're striving for with V-Day, which is a women's issue organization," Evans-Peck said.

Both men and women were encouraged to come to the event either to read poetry or simply to listen to their peers read.

Jed Crowe who attended the event said he wanted to experience something he had never done before.

"I feel I would definitely come help out with other V-Day or S.M.A.R.T. events and maybe even next time read some poetry myself," Crowe said.

V-Day campaign's main event is the Vagina Monologues and will take place sometime in February. Auditions for the monologues will be Nov. 13 and 14.

Evans-Peck said she foresees V-Day and S.M.A.R.T. working on more projects and events together since they are both organizations which focus on women's issues.

"A lot of our values and our mission align with each other and both of our organizations are small on campus and we would like to broaden our scope," Evans-Peck said.

Since the reading was such a success, both Evans-Peck and Simmons hope to hold another poetry reading in the future.

"Poetry is really amazing it's a just a great way to connect and even sometimes relax," Evans-Peck said.

Violence Against Women

One in six women has been a victim of attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.

Source: RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network)

Wartburg has held the Festival of Trees for six years. This year featured trees will be decorated by the alumi office, the art gallery and the journalism department . — **FILE PHOTO** / *TRUMPET*

Festival of Trees returns

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The Festival of Trees will return to Wartburg College starting Nov. 29, and will end Dec. 14. The festival is held at Wartburg on the ground floor of the Classroom Technology Center (CTC). The festival is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"It's just another event to build excitement during the Christmas season to get people on campus and the community involved," Joni McDonough marketing and communications and ITS office coordinator said.

The Wartburg-Waverly Festival of Trees began in 2011 as a partnership between the college and the Waverly Chamber of Commerce.

During the festival, academic departments, offices and student organizations at Wartburg and the community display Christmas trees that represent their organization or business and celebrate the season.So far this year there are 12 organizations signed up.

"We use the Festival of Trees for a couple different things, one it's a fun kind of project for our student interns that take ownership of it," associate director of Alumni & Parent Relations Anthony Smith said.

Kristina Alexander decorates one of the trees in last year's Festival of Trees. —**FILE PHOTO**/*TRUMPET*

"In the Alumni and Parent office, we have a lot of pride and tradition, so any time we can put some orange and black on things we're going to do it."

Last year two trees and some decorations were stolen from the hall where they were set up. The two trees missing were ITS and Chamber of Commerce. The ITS tree never came back, but the Chamber tree was returned.

"We didn't make a big deal out of it, campus security was aware of it," McDonough said.

"They are there for everyone to enjoy and to brighten the halls," McDonough said.

Any organizations on or off campus interested in having a tree should register.

The registration deadline is Nov. 20 and the website is www.wartburg.edu/trees.

Wartburg Model United Nations will hold panel discussion

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A food crisis in Yemen has prompted a discussion for Wartburg students involved in the Model United Nations.

Sneha Mahapatra

The group will hold a panel discussion on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Whitehouse Business Center. It will feature discussions about the crisis and possible solutions.

Leif Olson, vice president of the Model U.N. said everyone is welcome to participate and he hopes the panel will get more people involved in the discussion.

"College is a great time to experiment with ways that people can reach out," Olson said, "and do things that have an actual real-life impact on other people."

Sneha Mahapatra, president of the Model U.N. group, said the country of Yemen is facing many economic problems that affect the citizens to the point that many people are starving to death.

She also said that although the United Nations is aware of the problem, they currently lack the finances to give sufficient assistance.

This is the first time Wartburg's Model U.N. is hosting a discussion panel. It will feature Dr. Joyce Boss and Dr. Bret Billet as well as fourth-year student Elvis Matoya, who grew up in Nigeria.

Mahapatra said that if the delegations come up with a good solution, they can send in a position paper stating their ideas.

One of the goals for the future of the model U.N. group at Wartburg is to connect with other universities and become strong enough to reach out to the U.N. together.

Olson said that age is not an issue when it comes to discussing topics like the Yemen food crisis.

"Learning how to carry out diplomacy or learning about an issue like the crisis in Yemen is important for people our age," Olson said, "because this is the time we create ideology for ourselves and create the environment for ourselves to go out and change the world for the better."

Mahapatra also pointed out that the Model U.N. bases its discussion on the topics discussed at the real United Nations. She said that awareness about the Yemen food crisis should be raised because it is something that could be solved.

Solutions need to be considered to help as many people as possible, she said.

"There are children dying every day," Mahapatra said.

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Knightliters under new direction this year

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John Hakanson, the new director of Knightliters speaks at the the Knightliters Jazz Band's first concert of the year, Autumn Jazz. —**Kendall Erenberger**/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg College's Knightliters Jazz Band is under new direction this year.

Josh Hakanson has taken over as director of the jazz band.

The Department of Music sought Hankanson out, and he accepted the offer because he thought it would be a good opportunity to share with students some of the knowledge he has of jazz ensemble performance, Hankanson said.

Because this is Hakanson's first semester working with the band, some of the goals have been focused on style, articulation and time feel.

These elements have also been the focus for their concert preparation.

"In addition to the pieces, we have spent some time with full band exercises focused on isolating tuning and articulation issues," Hankanson said.

Even though Hankanson is new, he has enjoyed the enthusiasm and focus of the band thus far.

"While there is a lot of business to take care of in terms of working on notes and rhythms, it's not business all the time," Hankanson said. "The band does occasionally get a taste of my quirky sense of humor."

The Knightliter's first concert, Autumn Jazz, was on Nov. 11 in McCaskey Lyceum.

Hakanson hoped that the audience would come out to hear a band that had been working hard to improve individually and collectively as musicians.

While Hankanson is helping the band improve and prepare for their concerts, the students are getting to know a new director.

"Having a new conductor is always a challenge," senior bass player Noah Hickman said.

"It's kinda like being at a four-way stop. You don't really know what to expect from them and they don't know what to expect from you," Hickman said.

"Luckily, I think we are off to a great start to the year," Hickman said.

Even though there are some differences in teaching style and music style, Hankanson is doing a great job, Hickman said.

"Everyone has been working very hard, in rehearsals and on their own, towards the concert and we are all very excited to perform for a real audience," Hickman said.

"The biggest goal that the band has is to perform well and have fun," Hickman said.

Hickman said once he graduates he is going to miss the Knightliters.

"I will always remember my time as a Knightliter," Hickman said.

Holiday Shoppe collecting donations

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With Christmas getting closer, the social work department is holding their annual Holiday Shoppe on Dec. 4 and 5. For more than 20 years the social work department has worked with DHS to raise funds and collect donations to purchase Christmas gifts for deserving families.

Audrey List

This past week 900 invitations were sent to families to participate in the event.

The Holiday Shoppe benefits families all over Bremer County.

Because of that, donations are an important aspect of the event.

The department collects donations of money, gift cards and gifts from anyone who is willing to help, including local businesses, schools, churches, students and people from the community.

"There are so many people on campus and so many people in the community that are willing to help and that's always really awesome to see," social work student Audrey List said.

The Holiday Shoppe collects donations for children ranging from newborn to 18-month-old, which can sometimes be difficult to acquire gifts for every age group.

"We always get a lot of gifts for the younger kids and not so much for the older kids so a lot of the teenagers that are in the program, there isn't much to chose from," List said.

List said it can be hard to shop for teenagers, especially boys.

This year the department is looking into purchasing interview appropriate clothing for the older teens that are about to enter the workforce.

There are three different committees that divide up the work and fundraising for the event. The on-campus committee, which List is part of, is in charge of working with dorms, facility and the PR aspect of the event, as well as putting up trees around campus where students can donate gifts.

There is also the local business committee that works on collecting donations from local businesses as well as Toys for Tots. The third committee is the church and school committee which works with local churches and schools to collect in-kind donations.

"As a social work student, I'm able to experience fundraising and getting experience working with committees and gaining PR skills," List said.

The senior social work class is responsible for the fundraising aspect of the event but anyone is welcome to volunteer to help. It's a great opportunity for anyone to make someone's Christmas just a little bit better, List said.

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Tyler Johnsrud has been teaching his Retrieving Freedom dog Murphy new commands throughout the fall semester—**Hannah Kilburg**/*TRUMPET*

Retrieving Freedom impacts students

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Students in the Leadership Theories and Practices are required to be involved in one of two different service opportunities during the semester.

Retrieving Freedom Inc., or RFI, offers one of these opportunities. They allow students to get involved in the training of service dogs for disabled veterans, children with autism and people living with diabetes.

Tyler Johnsrud is one of the students involved with RFI and works with not one, but two dogs.

Johnsrud said the work that the college students do at RFI is very necessary.

"It's ridiculously important, without Retrieving Freedom there wouldn't be service dogs in the area," Johnsrud said.

"Whatever the cost of the dog is, they don't take a dime of it. What they do is directly put it towards another dog," Johnsrud said.

Johnsrud also said they work with the veteran or the child's family that is receiving the dog and they try and fundraise for them.

Some of the things he is teaching his dog Murphy include being able to press the button to open an handicap accessible door and turning a light switch on and off.

Outside of training the dogs, he also does work at the facility keeping kennels clean and making sure his dogs have plenty of food and water.

Another student, Ty Putchio, said his experience with the service dogs has been great.

He was originally excited just to be working with dogs, but after more research about RFI he realized how special the opportunity would be.

"You want to put more hours in because you just want to get these dogs to the point where they get the chance to work with people and truly help people," Putchio said.

During the training process, handlers have to pass a public access test.

After passing the test, the handlers are then allowed to take the dogs to different places around town, including back to the Wartburg campus.

The process is not always easy, however, for Johnsrud, working with two dogs can sometimes be a challenge because of their different personalities.

Because of this, he has to change his approach on how he handles them.

Both Johnsrud and Putchio said their work with RFI becomes more special because they know veterans and people with diabetes or autism.

"Getting to see what the effects of that are and what these dogs do to help people, really motivates me to work harder," Putchio said.

Johnsrud also said he loves having the dogs on campus because of their impact on students.

"The dogs on campus just seem to brighten everyone's day," Johnsrud said.

For more information about Retrieving Freedom Inc. go to their website: https://www.retrievingfreedom.org.

Digging up the competition

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Every volleyball season brings in at least a couple of dynamic new members to the team.

These first-year players typically play important roles off the bench, but none in recent memory have been as pivotal to the lineup as libero Katie Foster.

Foster came into the program as an outside hitter, but was moved to the back row exclusively within the first few days of the preseason. Foster said the transition to defensive specialist was not unfamiliar to her.

"In high school, playing back row, I played left back," Foster said. "So it wasn't a huge transition from hitting to libero, just because I had played all the way around. So the back row with that just kind of came."

After the transition, Foster was put up against senior Bre Bader for the open libero spot, eventually winning the job. Bader has been something of a mentor to Foster since the position change, and she said the two of them have gotten close on and off the court.

"Katie is basically like a little sister to me," Bader said. "It's been really great to have her as a teammate and friend. I know that I can always count on her; we're always in here early together every day getting better, and I can always count on her to do just about anything. And I know she would come to me too."

In terms of libero play, Bader compared Foster to 2016 graduate Jamie Farley, who is statistically one of the top liberoes in Wartburg's history. In her freshman season, Foster ended up surpassing some of Farley's top season numbers.

Her 622 digs this year are good for seventh on the all-time single-season list, two spots above Farley's best season total of 573.

These numbers were also good enough to earn Foster the Freshman of the Year award in the Iowa Conference, which also puts her on the first-team all-IIAC. Foster said the honors were unexpected, and she found out at a rather interesting time.

"I was actually in my psychology class taking my exam," Foster said.

"Coach called me and told me, 'you made first-team all-conference and Freshman of the Year.' It was super exciting, but I was also outside my psych exam room so I was trying not to be super excited because they could probably hear me."

Foster is the first player in Wartburg's history to earn the Freshman of the Year award. Bader said the honors were well-deserved.

"If she didn't get it, I was going to be really upset. She's earned it, worked for it, and she's a standout freshman in this conference," Bader said. "She's done everything right."

The 2017 volleyball season came to an end on Friday, but Foster's career has just begun. Foster recognizes her role will grow as a sophomore.

"Next year is going to be a whole new role. For Kylie [Bildstein] and I, it's just going to be different stepping up only being sophomores," Foster said. "I think it'll be super exciting. I'm excited for next season and what that has to bring."

Katie Foster goes to a knee for a dig. Her 622 digs in her freshman campaign are good for seventh place on the program's all-time list for digs in a season. **-Marketing and Comm.**

Katie Sommer: Point Guard, All-American and Mentor

Katie Sommer has led the women's basketball team to some of the biggest successes in program history. — **Marketing and Comm.**

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For three years now, Katie Sommer has served as the starting point guard for the Wartburg women's basketball team, and has helped the team reach unprecedented levels of success.

The team has made back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament, and even reached the program's first Final Four in 2016.

Now a senior, Sommer was recently named a First Team All-American by d3hoops. She said this is a great honor and very humbling, but her focus is on the team.

"I'm more excited about this team and the opportunity we have to win a national championship and bring that title back to Waverly, Iowa," Sommer said.

Sommer is also the reigning Iowa Conference MVP and has been named All-Region each of the past two seasons.

In recent years, Sommer said she has attempted to take on more of a leadership role and pass on what she has learned to the younger players.

Alecia Kimball is one of these players and she said Sommer leads by example.

"Katie's a great leader for this team. I don't think I've ever seen her not work hard or do her best because that's what she needs to do to make our team better," Kimball said.

Alli Bailey echoed Kimball's statement and said Sommer is the type of player that makes sure players are giving everything they have.

Off the court, the Linn-Mar High School alum is a student teacher at Cedar Heights Elementary, and was also a part of the Wartburg softball team for three seasons, and was a First Team All-Conference selection as a freshman.

She was also a member of the Division III USA Select Team this past summer and represented the United States while playing several games in Brazil.

Head coach Bob Amsberry is very close with Sommer, and is proud of how she has grown during her time in the program.

"I'm just really proud of who she has become more as a person than as a basketball player," Amsberry said. "In a lot of ways, I look at her as another daughter. She's someone I really care about, and I know she really cares about me, and we're in this thing together."

After she graduates in May, Sommer wants to be a coach and lead another generation of athletes.

"I had a lot of coaches and teachers that I looked up to that really gt me to where I am today. So, I want to be able to give back and be that next little girl's inspiration," Sommer said.

The first home game for the Knights will be Nov. 21.

Undefeated Knights dominate on Senior Day

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With a 41-20 win on Saturday over the Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolves, the Wartburg football team finished their regular season undefeated for the first time since 2014 and for the fifth time under head coach Rick Willis.

After the game, Willis said this team was different compared to the undefeated teams he has coached in the past.

"I think the thing about this group is the adversity they fought through a year ago and how hard they worked in the offseason," Willis said.

Nebraska Wesleyan struck first with an opening drive touchdown, but on the kickoff return, Jake Kloft took the kick back 95 yards for a touchdown to even things up.

Senior Riley Brockway was a major factor in the offensive explosion that the Knights put on in the second half

He caught a school record tying four touchdown passes, broke the record for most career pass receptions and recorded 245 yards for the game, finishing 14 yards shy of another record.

Defensively, the Knights held the Prairie Wolves' starting running back, Shaka Taylor, to 54 yards on the ground and sacked quarterback Jonathan Curti eight times.

Sam Ambrose said the biggest key for their dominance was just the continued effort they showed.

"He's a tough guy to get down, but we were persistent, we were getting after him and we did what we needed to," Ambrose said.

The Knights now turn their attention to the NCAA Tournament. They will play their first-round game at home this Saturday at noon against Franklin College.

Wartburg Trumpet Athletes of the Week

Riley Brockway

Nine catches, 245 yards, four TDs in Saturday's win over Nebraska Wesleyan, becoming Wartburg's all-time leader in career receptions.

Kylie Bildstein

Nineteen kills and a block in Wartburg's NCAA tournament games this past weekend.

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